

## House Resolution No. 68

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to recognize an outstanding individual who has brought exceptional dedication and steadfast commitment to the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

**Whereas**, Corrections Officer I Mike Piper of the Northeast Correctional Center (NECC) in Bowling Green, Missouri, will be presented the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award on February 20, 2003, at the NECC; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award recognizes and honors employees who have stepped in and taken extraordinary actions to save the lives of other persons, be it colleagues, visitors, or offenders, in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, on September 14, 2002, CO I Piper and three of his fellow officers were traveling to work at the NECC when they came upon a major traffic accident involving two vehicles and eight individuals; and

**Whereas**, CO I Piper and the other officers immediately secured the accident scene and began to assist three individuals, one of whom was a three-year-old boy, who were trapped in one of the two cars involved in the accident; and

**Whereas**, using the skills he acquired as a volunteer firefighter with the Pittsfield Fire Department, CO I Piper worked to remove the child and a badly injured woman from the front seat of the crushed vehicle, on whom he and the other officers placed a neck brace while assuring her that medical help was on the way; and

**Whereas**, CO I Piper's performance of his duties reflects the dedication, pride, and professionalism which he has brought to his many assignments since joining the Missouri Department of Corrections in December of 2000; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Pittsfield Fire Department since 1990 who received his Firefighter II Certification from the University of Illinois, CO I Piper considers himself most fortunate for the continual love and support of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Sandra, and his five children, Chelsea, Chad, Samantha, Dylan, and Tad:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join together with Director Gary B. Kempker and the Missouri Department of Corrections in a thunderous round of applause for CO I Mike Piper at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer I Mike Piper of Pittsfield, Illinois.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 68, adopted January 16, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker